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# STATE SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

## UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

	AUGUST 1940	JULY 1940	PER CENT CHANGE (AUG. OVER JULY)	PER CENT CHANGE (AUG. 1940 OVER AUGUST 1939)
<b>BENEFIT PAYMENTS:</b>				
NUMBER	93,738	76,356	+ 22.8	+ 36.5
AMOUNT	\$907,552.84	\$727,773.27	+ 24.7	+ 57.9
<b>CLAIMS RECEIVED:</b>				
INITIAL	7,690	18,332	- 58.1	- 24.4
CONTINUED	87,468	76,851	+ 13.8	+ 4.6
WAITING PERIOD	16,288	34,356	- 52.6	- 95.0
TOTAL	111,446	129,539	- 13.9	- 11.8
<b>AGENT STATE CLAIMS RECEIVED:</b>				
INITIAL	1,018	1,265	- 19.5	- 49.6
CONTINUED	8,201	9,598	- 14.6	+ 91.5
TOTAL	9,219	10,863	- 15.1	+ 85.9
<b>LIABLE STATE CLAIMS RECEIVED:</b>				
INITIAL	952	1,760	- 45.9	- 1.1
CONTINUED	8,106	8,332	- 2.7	- 4.1
TOTAL	9,058	10,092	- 10.2	- 3.8
<b>INITIAL DETERMINATIONS:</b>				
ELIGIBLE	5,573	12,059	- 53.8	- 54.5
INELIGIBLE	5,014	9,891	- 49.1	- 23.8
TOTAL	10,587	21,950	- 51.8	- 43.8

## EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

	AUGUST	JULY		
FIELD VISITS	627	549	+ 14.2	- 52.5
NEW APPLICATIONS	9,087	9,940	- 8.6	- 10.4
RENEWALS	6,577	9,482	- 30.6	N B
ACTIVE FILE	66,344	77,992	- 14.9	+ 1.6
EMPLOYER ORDERS	2,283	1,991	+ 14.7	N B
PLACEMENTS	3,548	2,576	+ 37.7	+ 20.5
CLAIMANT PLACEMENTS	938	399	+ 135.1	+ 29.2
VETERAN PLACEMENTS	116	90	+ 28.9	+ 50.6
AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENTS**	99	17	+ 482.4	N B

\* DOES NOT INCLUDE MULTI-STATE CLAIMS

\*\* INCLUDES BOTH SUPPLEMENTARY AND COMPLETE AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENTS

NB - NO BREAKDOWN MADE DURING 1939

S T A T E   O P E R A T I O N S

A comparison - August 1940 to July 1940 and August 1939

August Payments Set All-Time High

Topping the previous high of \$732,542.54 (set in September 1939) by \$175,010.30, August benefit payments reached the highest total yet experienced during Florida's nineteen months of unemployment compensation payments. The total of benefit payments was \$907,552.84, which amount was disbursed by the issuance of 93,738 checks. The payment amount constituted an increase of 24.7% over the July figure and exceeded the August 1939 total by 57.9%.

Claims Received Fluctuate Markedly

Indicative of a decrease in benefit payments during future months of 1940 was the 58.1% drop in the number of initial claims filed during August. In keeping with the large number and amount of payments made during August was the 13.8% rise in the number of continued claims during that month. Reflecting the drop in the number of initial claims filed was the 52.6% drop in waiting period claims. The August total of claims received amounted to 111,446, a drop of 13.9% and 11.8% from the July 1940 and August 1939 figures, respectively.

Agent State Claims Decrease 15%

The number of agent state claims received decreased in all categories as initial claims fell 19.5%, continued claims fell 14.6% and the total number fell 15.1%. Although the decrease over July was evident, an increase over the total number filed during August 1939 of 85.9% was made.

Liabe State Claims Decrease 10.2%

In keeping with the general lessening of the claim load was the decrease in initial, continued and total liabe state claims. As in other claim loads (see Claims Received and Agent State Claims) the heavier decrease was found in the initial claims group - 45.9% in the case of liabe state claims. Much smaller was the 2.7% decrease shown by liabe state continued claims. The August total showed a decrease of 3.8% from the August 1939 number.

Initial Determinations Fall 51.8%

Attendant on the large decrease in the number of initial claims received was the sharp drop in the number of initial determinations made during August. The number of initial determinations finding the claimant eligible fell from 12,059 in July to 5,573 in August - a fall of 53.8%. The number of initial determinations finding the claimant not eligible decreased from 9,891 to 5,014 - a decrease of 49.1%. The total number of initial determinations decreased from 21,950 to 10,587 to show a drop of 51.8%. This was a drop of 43.8% from the August 1939 total.

Field Visits Rise 14.2%

With the lessening of the claim load in the local offices affording more time to the personnel for placement activities came an increase from 549 field visits in July to 627 in August. This constituted a rise of 14.2% over the July figure but a decrease of 52.5% from the month of August 1939.

New Applications Decrease 8.6%

The number of new applications filed during August totaled 9,087, a drop of 8.6% from the 9,940 filed during July. The decrease from the August 1939 figure was slightly greater - 10.4%.

Renewals Drop 30.6%

The 6,577 applicants who caused their applications to be renewed during August lacked 30.6% of equaling the 9,482 employing this means of having their applications placed in the active file during July. This change really represented a return to the normal figure after the increased activity attendant on the peak month of July.

Active File Drops Nearly 11,000

With the decrease in the number of applications and renewals, increases in placements and an unusually large number of cancellations, the active file dropped from 77,992 in July to 66,344 in August - a drop of 14.9%. However, the August 1940 figure was higher by 1.6% than that of the same month of 1939.

Employer Orders Increase 14.7%

Employer orders during the month totaled 2,283 to show an increase of 14.7% over the 1,991 received during July.

Placements Jump 37.7%

With a 14.7% rise in the number of employer orders there was also a 37.7% increase in the number of placements. This would indicate a rise in the number of workers per employer order during August over that of July. August placements exceeded July placements as the total for the former month reached 3,548 and the latter totaled 2,576. August placements increased 20.5% over the same month of 1939.

Claimant Placements Increase Greatly

Although employer orders increased 14.7% and total placements increased 37.7%, claimant placements increased 135% (from 399 to 938). The August 1940 total increased over the August 1939 figure by 29.2%.

Veteran Placements Increase 28.9%

The 116 veterans placed in employment during August equaled a percentage increase of 28.9 over the July figure. This was also an increase of 50.6% over the August 1939 total.

Agricultural Placements Increase

The number of placements in agricultural activities during August (99) constituted a rise of 82 over the 17 placements in that category during July.

## BENEFIT PAYMENTS

August Payments Top Previous High by \$175,010.30

Benefit payments continued their month to month increase reaching not only a peak for 1940 but also for the entire 19 month period of benefit payment operations. Payments during August totaled \$907,552.84 to bring the total payments during 1940 to \$4,138,338.63 and the total during the 19 months to \$7,642,451.08.

Citrus Areas Account for Large Percentage of Payments

Local office areas which include major citrus producing sections (Arcadia, Fort Pierce, Lakeland, Orlando and Winter Haven) accounted for 39% (\$353,866.40) of the State total of payments. The Winter Haven area received \$118,856.90 to lead the State; claimants in the Orlando area received \$105,027.50; Miami, the only one of the three metropolitan areas in the State to remain among the leaders in the amount of benefit payments, accounted for \$101,700.00. Jacksonville and Tampa, two of Florida's largest cities and leaders in industrial enterprises, accounted for \$69,515.00 and \$72,265.00, respectively.

Average Check Shows Increase Over Previous Month

The amount of the average check issued during August rose \$.15 from \$9.53 to \$9.68, the highest yet experienced. This means that of all the checks issued during August, none of which could exceed \$15.00, the average was \$9.68. The average check for the first month during which benefit payments were made, February 1939, was \$6.88 or \$2.80 less than the average for the month of August 1940.

In considering the average check it must be remembered that this average is computed on the basis of the total number of checks issued and the total amount of benefits paid out. In August 7.88% of the amount of benefit payments were of types other than regular or payments for total unemployment. As shown in the table at the top of page 5, partial payments (payments made to workers who are partially employed but not to the extent of earning as much as their weekly benefit amount) accounted for 6.67% of the amount of payments while irregular payments (payments made to workers whose balance is less than their weekly benefit amount) comprised 1.21% of the total. For the claimants who received unemployment compensation for total unemployment the average payment amounted to \$10.08. The inclusion of the two other types of payments brought the average to \$9.68 as shown at the bottom of the small table.

NOTE: Due to administrative changes the local office at Lake City has been combined with the Tallahassee office and the Fort Myers office has been combined with the Arcadia office. Tables showing local office distribution of payments, claims, placements, etc., in this issue do not include either Lake City or Fort Myers.

ANALYSIS OF BENEFIT CHECKS ISSUED DURING MONTH OF AUGUST 1940  
BY TYPE OF PAYMENT

TYPE OF PAYMENT	NO OF PAYMENTS	AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS	PER CENT OF TOTAL AMOUNT	AVERAGE PAYMENT
Partial	8,318	\$ 60,568.50	6.67	\$ 7.28
Irregular	2,524	11,015.34	1.21	4.36
Total	82,896	835,969.00	92.12	10.08
All Payments	93,738	\$907,552.84	100.00	\$ 9.68

COMPARISON OF NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS MADE DURING  
MONTH OF AUGUST 1939 AND 1940 -- LOCAL OFFICE DISTRIBUTION

LOCAL OFFICE	August 1940		% OF TOTAL AMOUNT	August 1939		% OF TOTAL AMOUNT
	NUMBER	AMOUNT		NUMBER	AMOUNT	
STATE TOTAL	93,738	\$907,552.84	100.00	69,658	\$574,651.42	100.00
Arcadia	3,205	27,808.50	3.06	4,030	29,418.50	5.15
Daytona Beach	690	7,271.00	.80	925	7,457.40	1.31
Fort Lauderdale	812	8,263.50	.91	647	5,828.84	1.02
Fort Pierce	2,571	27,024.50	2.98	2,416	23,846.50	4.18
Gainesville	1,685	13,359.50	1.47	883	6,371.43	1.12
Jacksonville	7,662	69,515.00	7.66	4,423	34,600.72	6.06
Key West	93	735.50	.08	354	3,168.50	.55
Lakeland	8,868	85,149.00	9.38	6,193	50,962.95	8.92
Leesburg	3,909	35,184.00	3.88	5,770	43,196.60	7.56
Marianna	1,060	8,588.00	.95	854	6,212.50	1.09
Miami	9,096	101,700.00	11.21	6,626	66,157.18	11.28
Ocala	2,145	17,144.50	1.89	1,210	8,656.79	1.52
Orlando	10,474	105,027.50	11.57	9,144	81,558.79	14.28
Panama City	898	8,248.00	.91	450	3,385.97	.59
Pensacola	2,191	18,804.00	2.07	1,453	10,706.18	1.87
St. Augustine	438	4,110.50	.45	611	4,865.42	.85
St. Petersburg	3,741	36,949.50	4.07	1,988	18,154.30	3.18
Bradenton	2,013	17,570.50	1.94	1,546	11,536.50	2.02
Tallahassee	4,326	32,792.00	3.61	2,511	15,248.16	2.67
Tampa	8,163	72,265.00	7.96	4,248	35,137.48	6.15
West Palm Beach	2,127	21,608.00	2.38	2,017	16,700.85	2.92
Winter Haven	11,500	118,856.90	13.10	8,127	69,194.86	11.81
Multi-State	6,071	69,577.94	7.67	2,232	22,285.50	3.90

Average check for August 1940 - \$9.68. Average check for August 1939 - \$8.25

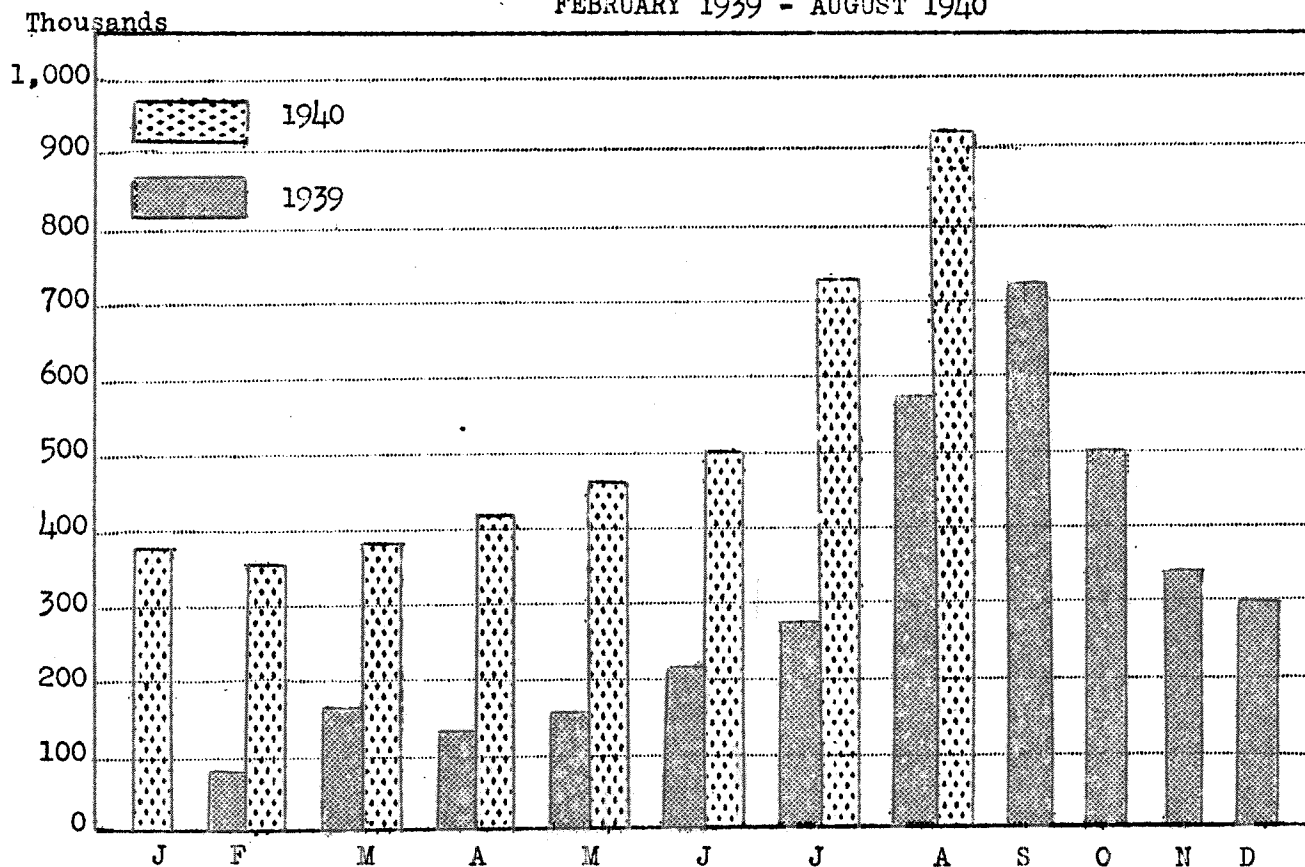
August Payments Bring All-time Total to \$7,642,451.08

With the inclusion of the \$907,552.84, which was paid to claimants during August, the total of benefit payments for the nineteen month period during which such payments have been made in Florida was brought to \$7,642,451.08. The amount already disbursed during 1940 (\$4,138,338.63) equals 54.1% of the all-time total.

BENEFIT PAYMENT AMOUNTS - FEBRUARY 1939 THROUGH AUGUST 1940		
MONTH	1939	1940
January	*	\$375,872.83
February	\$ 85,539.45	340,742.38
March	161,820.87	381,665.73
April	134,740.77	424,791.04
May	167,036.25	475,031.87
June	226,069.98	504,908.67
July	281,448.99	727,773.27
August	574,663.17	907,552.84
September	732,542.54	
October	498,749.37	
November	338,279.57	
December	303,221.49	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$3,504,112.45	\$4,138,338.63
Total benefit payments to date - - - -		\$7,642,451.08

\* Florida did not make benefit payments prior to February 1939.

MONTH-TO-MONTH TREND IN FLORIDA UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFIT PAYMENTS  
FEBRUARY 1939 - AUGUST 1940



## BENEFIT PAYMENTS CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRY

## SECOND CALENDAR QUARTER OF 1940

INDUSTRY GROUP	NUMBER OF CHECKS	AMOUNT
TOTAL FOR ALL INDUSTRIES	154,713	\$1,404,731.08
Industry Unknown	12,308	118,498.90
Total Classified	142,410	1,286,255.18
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	1,156	9,879.50
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MINING	2,000	18,439.83
14. Nonmetallic Mining & Quarrying	2,000	18,439.83
CONSTRUCTION	13,563	152,265.44
15. Gen. Contractors-Bldg. Const.	7,008	81,449.02
16. Gen. Contractors-(Not Bldg.)	2,879	26,399.33
17. Special Trade Contr. (Sub)	3,676	44,417.09
MANUFACTURING	52,445	418,077.53
20. Food Manufacturing	11,698	104,367.09
21. Tobacco Manufacturing	12,682	88,425.07
22. Textile Mill Products	632	6,688.45
23. Apparel & Other Fin. Fab. Art.	929	6,799.08
24. Basic Lumber Industries	8,723	66,068.88
25. Finished Lumber Products	11,170	82,939.74
26. Paper and Allied Products	645	6,846.07
27. Printing, Publ. & Allied Ind.	970	11,156.33
28. Chemicals	2,507	19,315.13
29. Products of Petroleum & Coal	57	273.50
31. Leather & Its Manufactures	92	676.50
32. Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	563	5,822.00
33. Iron & Steel & Their Products	247	2,672.00
34. Manufacture of Trans. Equip.	421	4,679.00
35. Nonferrous Metals & Prod.	31	299.00
36. Electrical Machinery	46	477.00
37. Machinery, Not Electrical	464	5,615.19
38. Automobiles, Bodies & Parts	29	247.00
39. Miscellaneous Manufacturing	539	4,710.50
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, AND UTILITIES	14,813	134,616.86
40. Interstate Railroads	67	569.16
41. Street, Suburban & Interurban R. R.	101	1,273.00
42. Trucking and/or Warehousing	1,183	11,008.75
43. Other Transp., Except Water	580	5,960.50
44. Water Transportation	5,900	54,188.56
45. Services Allied to Transp., N.E.C.	5,490	45,939.53



INDUSTRY GROUP	NUMBER OF CHECKS	AMOUNT
46. Telephone, Telegraph, etc.	745	7,057.86
48. Utilities - Light, Heat, etc.	678	8,072.50
49. Other Loc. Util. & Loc. Pub. Serv.	69	547.00
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	44,051	410,392.01
50. Wholesale Merchants	4,104	35,825.81
51. Whsl. Dist. - Not Whsl. Merchandise	22,861	202,884.04
53. Retail General Merchandise	4,008	37,357.68
54. Retail Food	2,027	20,848.23
55. Retail Automotive	1,311	14,537.00
56. Retail Apparel	1,026	11,320.17
57. Retail Trade, N.E.C.	2,662	27,654.62
71. Eating and Drinking Places	2,966	28,090.09
75. Auto Repair Services, etc.	302	3,134.25
52. Wholesale and Retail Trade	2,784	28,740.12
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	1,866	19,841.32
60. Bank & Trust Companies	43	616.50
61. Invest. Bank & Security Spec.	40	415.50
62. Finance Agencies, N.E.C.	144	1,809.50
63. Insurance Carriers	380	3,727.00
64. Insurance Agents & Brokers	31	419.50
65. Real Estate Dealers, Agents	1,059	11,317.82
66. Real Estate, Ins., Etc.	111	1,195.50
67. Adm. Offices & Holding Companies	58	340.00
SERVICES	12,086	119,416.60
70. Hotels, Furn. Rooms, Etc.	4,615	45,347.29
72. Personal Service	3,266	25,447.52
73. Business Service, N.E.C.	590	6,085.94
74. Employment Agencies, Etc.	17	142.50
76. Repair Services & Misc., N.E.C.	233	2,724.00
78. Amusement & Recreation, M.P.	1,040	13,211.00
79. Amusement & Recreation, N.E.C.	2,032	23,878.00
80. Medical & Other Health Serv.	146	1,203.00
81. Law Offices and Related Serv.	11	160.50
82. Educational Inst. & Agencies	12	382.00
83. Other Prof. & Soc. Serv. Agcy.	43	387.00
86. Memb. Org. such as Trade Assn.	51	447.85
ESTABLISHMENTS, N.E.C.	425	3,303.09
85. Private Business Org., N.E.C.	425	3,303.09

Private Placements Increase 39% over July

The placement figure for the month of August passed the 3,000 mark for the first time since January, 1940. There were 3,548 placements reported during the month. The Tampa office had the largest volume of placements with 516, although only 272 of these were private placements. Jacksonville with 510 complete placements reported the second largest volume, followed by Miami with 426. The 418 private placements included in the Miami figure represent the largest volume of private placement activity for the month. There was also a noticeable increase in private placements in the Bradenton, Arcadia, Lakeland and Leesburg areas over previous periods. Private placement activities fell considerably at Fort Lauderdale, Fort Pierce, Key West, Marianna and Panama City. Of the 2,420 private placements made during the month, 1,744 were in regular employment. This means that 1,744 applicants found employment in private industry during the month that would last more than thirty days.

There was an increase in public placement activity as compared with previous months. The biggest increase took place in the Tampa office where 244 public placements were reported during August. These placements were made through referrals to projects authorized in connection with the National Defense Program in that area. Jacksonville reported 188 public placements, the majority of which were made in connection with the naval air base project there. The 152 public placements reported by Leesburg are accounted for in the various highway projects and other public construction work in that section of the State.

There was a slight increase in field visiting activities during August as compared with July, with the largest number of visits being reported by the Lakeland office. This office reports 67 visits to employers for the purpose of promoting the use of the public employment service.

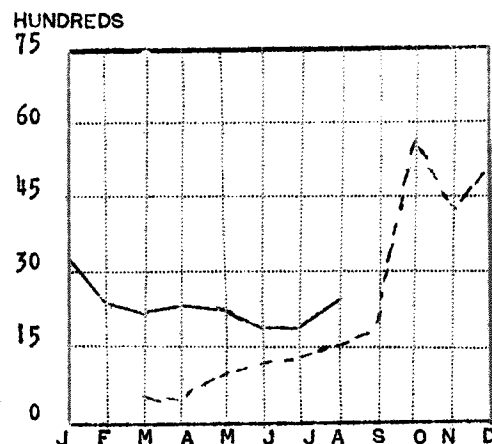
## PLACEMENTS AND FIELD VISITS FOR AUGUST 1940

LOCAL OFFICE	COMPLETE PLACEMENTS					PUBLIC	SUPPLEMENTARY PLACEMENTS	FIELD VISITS
	TOTAL	PRIVATE PLACEMENTS			TEMP.			
		NUMBER	PER CENT CHANGE FROM JULY 1940	REGULAR				
STATE TOTAL	3,548	2,420	+ 39.0	1,744	676	1,128	269	627
ARCADIA	150	150	*	150	—	—	54	16
BRADENTON	245	245	**	243	2	—	—	40
DAYTONA BEACH	142	46	+ 4.5	36	7	96	2	—
FORT LAUDERDALE	129	20	— 39.5	15	5	109	—	33
FORT PIERCE	5	4	— 42.9	4	—	1	—	46
GAINESVILLE	62	53	+ 3.9	30	23	9	—	39
JACKSONVILLE	510	322	+ 2.5	178	144	188	168	81
KEY WEST	50	26	— 27.8	17	9	24	—	10
LAKELAND	239	239	*	239	—	—	32	67
LEESBURG	251	96	*	87	12	152	—	12
MARIANNA	62	9	— 83.0	9	—	53	—	34
MIAMI	426	418	— 1.9	235	183	88	9	22
OCALA	89	89	+ 134.2	89	—	—	—	38
ORLANDO	135	53	+ 12.8	28	25	82	—	9
PANAMA CITY	6	6	— 84.2	5	—	—	—	6
PENSACOLA	104	75	— 22.7	63	2	29	2	48
ST. AUGUSTINE	50	50	— 26.5	34	6	—	—	15
ST. PETERSBURG	76	75	+ 33.9	56	9	—	—	—
TALLAHASSEE	83	69	+ 23.2	38	31	14	—	28
TAMPA	516	272	+ 4.6	151	121	244	—	45
WEST PALM BEACH	218	100	+ 28.2	34	66	118	—	28
WINTER HAVEN	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13

## PRIVATE PLACEMENTS

	1939	1940
JANUARY	—	3,334
FEBRUARY	—	2,333
MARCH	449	2,126
APRIL	442	2,212
MAY	832	2,205
JUNE	,003	,744
JULY	,071	,741
AUGUST	,441	2,420
SEPTEMBER	,770	
OCTOBER	5,793	
NOVEMBER	4,084	
DECEMBER	4,996	

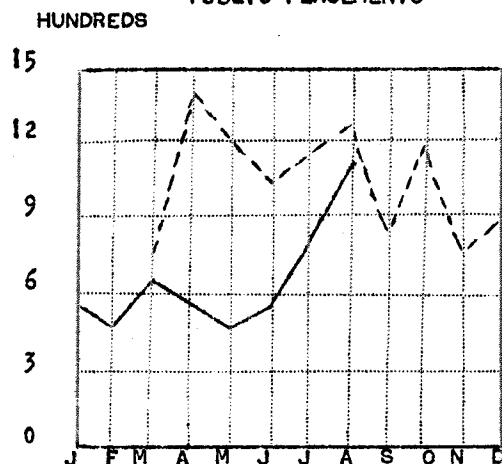
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	1939	1940
JANUARY	—	565
FEBRUARY	—	484
MARCH	747	673
APRIL	,439	581
MAY	,203	459
JUNE	,057	552
JULY	,152	535
AUGUST	,278	1,128
SEPTEMBER	,770	
OCTOBER	,216	
NOVEMBER	855	
DECEMBER	869	

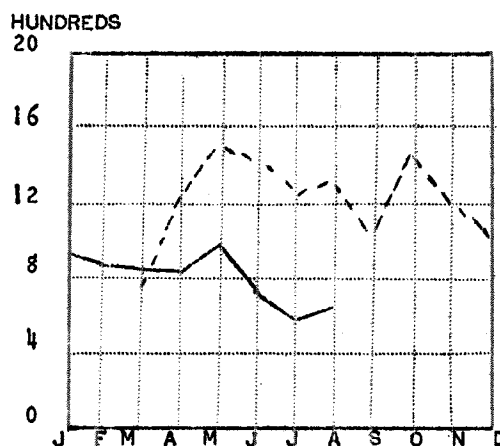
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## FIELD VISITS

	1939	1940
JANUARY	—	998
FEBRUARY	—	911
MARCH	773	911
APRIL	,204	855
MAY	,547	1,045
JUNE	,468	949
JULY	,232	627
AUGUST	,317	
SEPTEMBER	,009	
OCTOBER	,475	
NOVEMBER	,417	
DECEMBER	,072	

## FIELD VISITS



NOTE:  
 SOLID LINE — 1940  
 BROKEN LINE -- 1939

New Applications and Active File Drop

The number of new applications taken during the month of August fell 8.6% below the figure reported during the previous month. There were 9,087 new applications taken during the month. Of this figure 1,589 were reported by the Miami office and 1,336 by the Jacksonville office. Orlando reported the third largest figure with 985, followed by Tampa with 945 and West Palm Beach, 736. The August, 1940, figure for new applications fell 10.4% below the figure for the same month of 1939.

The drop of 14.9% in the active file from the previous month is accounted for largely by the action taken in the Jacksonville and Tampa offices in removing many applications from their active files. This action was taken either because registrations had become inactive due to the thirty day limit or because it was known that many of the applicants represented by these registrations were not currently available for referrals to job openings.

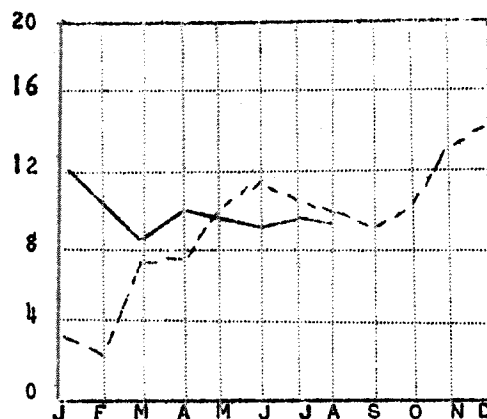
On August 31, Miami with 10,432 active registrations had the largest volume of applicants seeking employment. The Jacksonville office figure dropped 60% to a total of 5,728 as compared with more than 14,000 applications which were reported in the files at the end of July. The Tampa office with 6,575 active registrations had the second largest active file in the State at the end of the month. There was a drop of 33.5% in the Arcadia file due also to action taken by that office to remove applications of persons who could not be considered as currently available for referral. The increase of 79.9% shown in the active file for Tallahassee is due largely to the transfer of all registrations of applicants in the area formerly served by Lake City from the Jacksonville to the Tallahassee office. These registrations represent job seekers in the counties of Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee and Taylor.

## NEW APPLICATIONS AND ACTIVE FILE

LOCAL OFFICE	NEW APPLICATIONS					ACTIVE FILE	
	NUMBER RECEIVED			PER CENT CHANGED FROM		AUG. 31 1940	PER CENT CHANGE FROM JULY 1940
	AUG. 1940	JULY 1940	AUG. 1939	JULY 1940	AUG. 1939		
STATE TOTAL	9,087	9,940	10,146	- 8.6	- 10.4	66,344	- 14.9
ARCADIA	178	384	325	- 53.6	- 45.2	2,158	- 33.5
BRADENTON	148	250	618	- 40.8	- 76.1	1,501	+ 5.2
DAYTONA BEACH	318	253	344	+ 25.7	- 7.6	1,089	+ 35.6
FORT LAUDERDALE	193	228	225	- 15.5	- 14.2	926	+ 13.6
FORT PIERCE	57	132	53	- 56.3	+ 7.5	1,224	+ 7.6
GAINESVILLE	274	354	512	- 22.6	- 46.5	1,588	+ 11.7
JACKSONVILLE	1,336	1,307	1,040	+ 2.2	+ 28.5	5,728	- 60.0
KEY WEST	44	40	22	+ 10.0	+ 100.0	1,762	+ 1.3
LAKE LAND	231	355	235	- 34.9	- 17.0	2,344	- 10.4
LEESBURG	200	239	571	- 16.2	- 65.0	3,143	+ 1.1
MARIANNA	133	221	262	- 39.8	- 49.2	1,258	+ 1.6
MIAMI	1,589	1,827	1,298	- 13.0	- 22.4	10,432	- 18.6
OCALA	269	223	361	+ 19.0	- 49.2	1,732	+ 18.6
ORLANDO	985	246	209	+ 300.4	+ 371.3	3,359	+ 3.5
PANAMA CITY	132	155	94	- 14.8	+ 40.4	1,056	+ 7.3
PENSACOLA	396	337	275	+ 17.5	+ 44.0	4,232	+ 8.5
ST. AUGUSTINE	134	123	225	+ 49.6	- 18.2	1,146	- 23.6
ST. PETERSBURG	219	271	716	- 19.2	- 69.4	2,765	- 34.1
TALLAHASSEE	198	251	534	- 21.1	- 62.9	3,418	+ 79.9
TAMPA	945	1,114	1,558	- 15.2	- 39.3	6,575	- 10.4
WEST PALM BEACH	736	600	574	+ 22.7	+ 28.2	2,345	- 18.5
WINTER HAVEN	322	1,027	95	- 68.6	+ 138.9	5,163	- 6.2

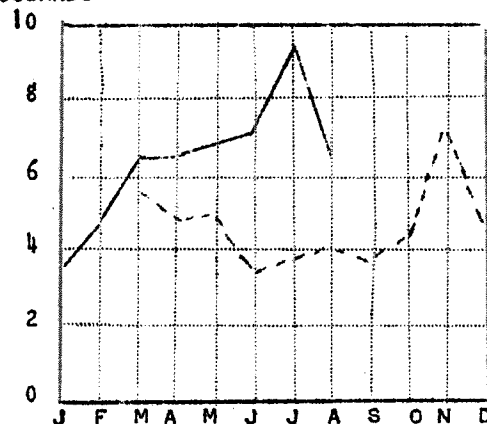
## NEW APPLICATIONS

	1939	1940
JANUARY	3,497	12,226
FEBRUARY	3,200	10,575
MARCH	7,642	8,422
APRIL	7,818	10,184
MAY	10,318	9,927
JUNE	11,720	8,697
JULY	10,882	9,940
AUGUST	10,146	9,087
SEPTEMBER	9,498	
OCTOBER	0,363	
NOVEMBER	3,585	
DECEMBER	4,287	

NEW APPLICATIONS  
THOUSANDS

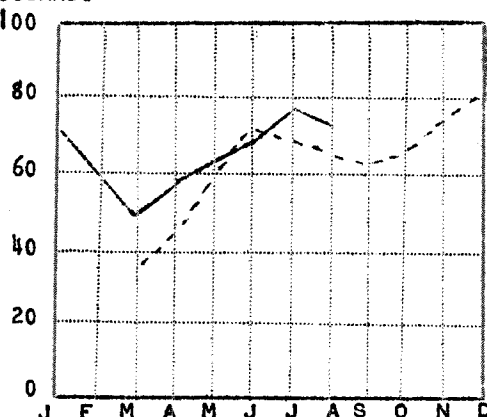
## RENEWALS

	1939	1940
JANUARY	—	3,626
FEBRUARY	—	4,708
MARCH	5,679	6,617
APRIL	4,811	6,622
MAY	4,911	6,757
JUNE	3,680	7,151
JULY	3,821	9,482
AUGUST	3,913	6,577
SEPTEMBER	3,855	
OCTOBER	4,397	
NOVEMBER	7,550	
DECEMBER	4,729	

RENEWALS  
THOUSANDS

## ACTIVE FILE

	1939	1940
JANUARY	—	72,501
FEBRUARY	—	54,734
MARCH	34,569	49,001
APRIL	42,995	59,093
MAY	58,234	68,287
JUNE	71,065	68,932
JULY	70,983	77,962
AUGUST	65,292	66,344
SEPTEMBER	61,686	
OCTOBER	64,085	
NOVEMBER	74,598	
DECEMBER	80,907	

ACTIVE FILE  
THOUSANDS

NOTE:  
SOLID LINE — 1940  
BROKEN LINE --- 1939

## INITIAL DETERMINATIONS\*

The total number of initial determinations made during August amounted to less than 50% of the July total for this activity. The July total was 21,950 - the August total 10,587.

There was a 2.29% decrease in the ratio of initial determinations allowing eligibility to total dispositions bringing this percentage from 54.93 in July to 52.64 in August. This was the lowest percentage of determinations allowing eligibility since the all-time low of 45.77% which was experienced during May 1940.

The reason for the sharp drop in the number of initial determinations made during August was the 57% drop in the number of initial claims made during that month. All initial determinations are made on the basis of initial claims received. The number of these claims received during August constituted a drop of 11,450 from the 20,092 initial claims (Florida and liable state claims) received during July.

In August 1939 65.06% of the 18,842 initial claims filed were determined to be eligible.

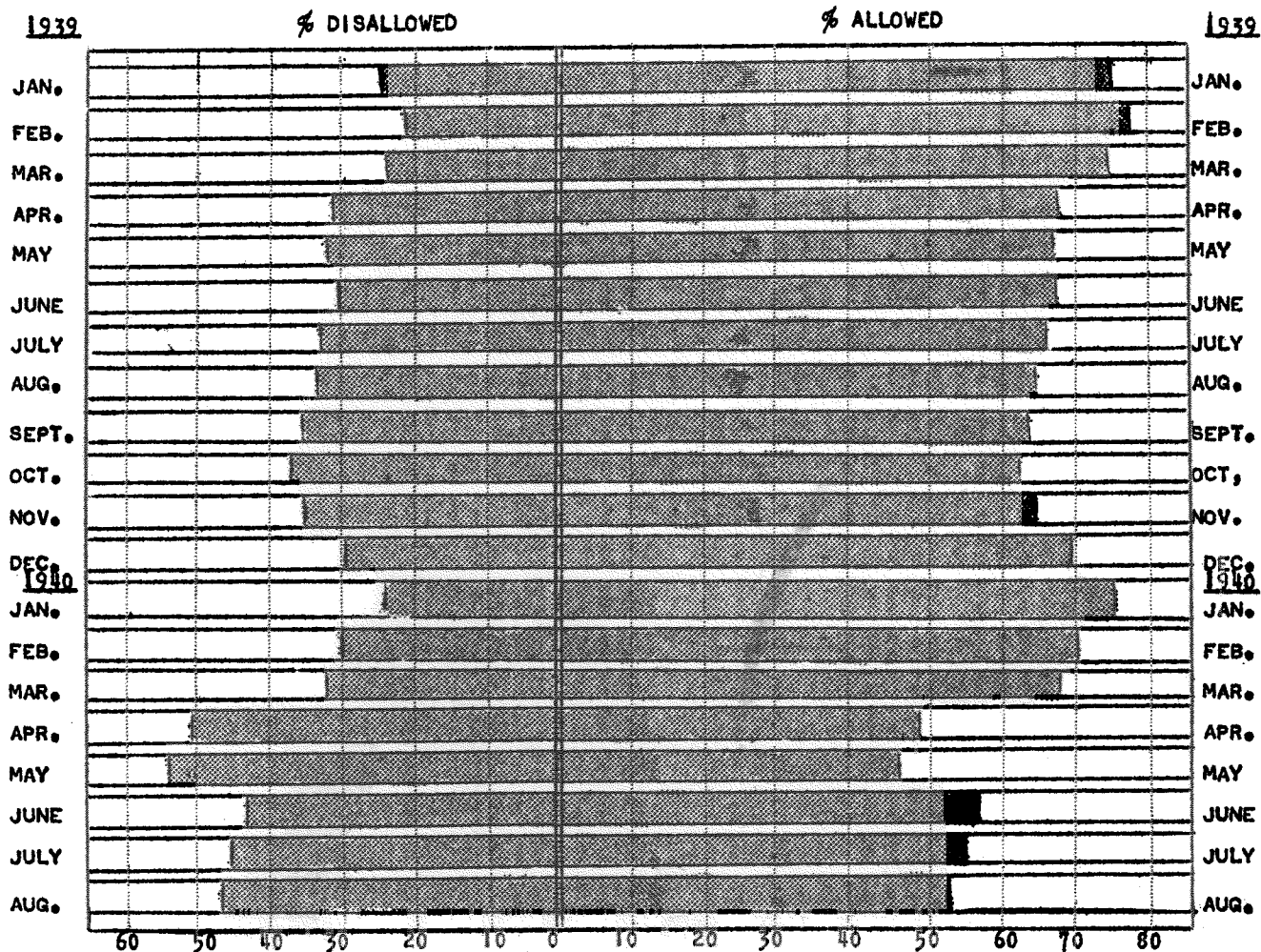
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\*Initial determinations are original decisions on a claimant's eligibility to receive benefit payments. These decisions are based on the initial claim for benefits which the claimant files on his first visit, after his separation from his job, to an office of the Florida State Employment Service or, in the case of a person filing a liable state claim, to an office of the State Employment Service of the state in which he is residing at the time of filing claim. If the claimant is otherwise eligible for unemployment compensation, he will be determined eligible if his earnings are sufficient. If he is determined to be ineligible, it will be for one of three reasons:

1. No Wage Records - no records of claimant's having earned wages in covered employment.
  2. Insufficient Wage Credits - some earnings in covered employment, but not enough to fulfill the requirements of the Law.
  3. Other Reasons - few claims fall in this class; most of those being so classified because the claimant has filed a prior claim, etc.
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## INITIAL DETERMINATIONS MADE DURING 1939 AND 1940, BY PER CENT ALLOWED AND DISALLOWED

MONTH	TOTAL	ALLOWED	DISALLOWED	% ALLOWED	% DISALLOWED
1939					
JANUARY	12,322	9,407	2,915	76.34	23.66
FEBRUARY	7,939	6,297	1,642	79.32	20.68
MARCH	7,141	3,911	3,230	54.77	45.23
APRIL	2,195	3,578	1,383	68.67	31.33
MAY	9,583	6,579	3,004	68.67	31.33
JUNE	2,602	3,647	1,044	78.00	22.00
JULY	3,353	3,944	551	88.11	11.89
AUGUST	8,842	12,258	3,416	75.56	24.44
SEPTEMBER	6,803	4,377	2,426	64.34	35.66
OCTOBER	6,236	3,910	2,326	62.68	37.32
NOVEMBER	5,358	3,470	1,888	64.76	35.24
DECEMBER	5,068	3,578	1,490	70.60	29.40
1940					
JANUARY	7,489	5,699	1,790	76.10	23.90
FEBRUARY	8,337	5,908	2,429	70.86	29.14
MARCH	7,631	5,223	2,408	68.44	31.56
APRIL	9,628	4,757	4,871	49.41	50.59
MAY	9,524	4,361	5,163	45.77	54.23
JUNE	12,160	6,971	5,189	57.33	42.67
JULY	21,950	12,059	9,891	54.93	45.07
AUGUST	10,587	5,573	5,014	52.64	47.36



## INITIAL CLAIMS

The number of initial claims filed in Florida during August dropped 56.7% from the July total of 20,092 to equal 8,694. Every local office in the State reported fewer original claims for August than July, indicating a fall in the number of benefit payments during September and probably during the remaining months of 1940 for each local office area as well as the State as a whole.

Largely responsible for the decrease in initial claims was the fact that although, in general, business conditions had not improved, the various industries throughout the State reached their low point during June and July and continued to operate without further extensive layoffs. The number of initial claims filed does not indicate the total amount of unemployment at any given time but merely the recent fluctuations in unemployment.

The August 1940 total of initial claims constituted a 26.4% decrease from the August 1939 total for this type of claim (see column at extreme right of the table given at the bottom of this page).

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED - BY LOCAL OFFICE  
January 1939 through August 1940

	JAN. 1939 THROUGH AUG. 1940	PER CENT OF TOTAL - 1939 AND 1940	AUGUST 1940	JULY 1940	% CHANGE AUG. 1940 OVER JULY 1940	% CHANGE AUG. 1940 OVER AUG. 1939
STATE TOTAL	198,337	100.00	8,694	20,092	- 56.7	- 26.4
ARCADIA	5,560	2.80	299	875	- 65.8	- 33.4
BRADENTON	3,608	1.82	390	525	- 25.7	- 42.4
DAYTONA BEACH	2,150	1.10	113	169	- 33.1	- 16.7
FORT LAUDERDALE	2,633	1.33	87	253	- 65.6	- 36.2
FORT PIERCE	3,073	1.55	116	439	- 73.6	- 45.5
GAINESVILLE	3,333	1.68	146	426	- 65.7	- 41.5
JACKSONVILLE	19,661	9.91	785	1,213	- 35.3	- 26.8
KEY WEST	938	0.47	38	43	- 11.6	- 36.7
LAKELAND	12,836	6.47	451	1,474	- 69.2	- 24.6
LEESBURG	6,686	3.37	233	1,119	- 79.2	- 62.0
MARIANNA	3,432	1.73	127	255	- 50.2	- 47.5
MIAMI	22,887	11.54	952	1,784	- 46.6	- 11.3
OCALA	3,899	1.97	264	519	- 57.5	+ 12.8
ORLANDO	16,509	8.32	774	1,729	- 55.2	- 21.4
PANAMA CITY	2,542	1.28	93	130	- 28.5	- 27.9
PENSACOLA	4,320	2.18	238	305	- 22.0	- 4.0
ST. AUGUSTINE	1,668	0.84	67	125	- 45.8	- 36.2
ST. PETERSBURG	6,065	3.06	413	671	- 38.5	+ 7.6
TALLAHASSEE	7,126	3.62	411	626	- 34.4	+ 4.8
TAMPA	30,044	15.15	574	2,177	- 73.6	- 17.8
WEST PALM BEACH	5,663	2.86	211	482	- 56.2	+ 21.3
WINTER HAVEN	16,308	8.22	905	2,892	- 68.7	- 48.2
LIABLE STATE REC'D IN CENTRAL OFFICE	17,306	8.73	1,004	1,760	- 43.0	+ 4.3



## WAITING PERIOD AND CONTINUED CLAIMS

Waiting period and continued claims (combined) during August totaled 111,862 a drop of 30.7% from the 161,522 total for these types of claims during August 1939. Although the decrease was generally scattered among the local offices there were, however, two offices, Ocala and St. Petersburg, which showed increases over August of last year.

Daytona Beach showed the heaviest percentage decrease as the claim load for that area dropped 55%. Winter Haven accounted for the largest numerical decrease as claims in that area fell from 27,496 in August 1939 to 13,540 in August 1940 - a drop of 13,956.

The decrease of August from the preceding month (July 1940) was far less than that discussed in the above paragraphs - amounting to only 6.4%. This percentage decrease was not at all consistent in the several local office areas in the State. The Tampa office showed a decrease of 44.8% while Ocala increased 28.6%. Eleven offices recorded increases and thirteen experienced decreases to bring about the decrease of 7,677 from the July total of 119,539 to the August figure of 111,862.

WAITING PERIOD AND CONTINUED CLAIMS (COMBINED)  
JULY 1939 AND JUNE AND JULY 1940

LOCAL OFFICE	AUGUST 1940		AUGUST 1939		% CHANGE AUG. 1940 OVER AUG. 1939	% CHANGE AUG. 1940 OVER JULY 1940
	TOTAL CLAIMS	% OF TOTAL	TOTAL CLAIMS	% OF TOTAL		
STATE TOTAL	111,862	100.00	161,522	100.00	- 30.7	- 6.4
ARCADIA	4,490	4.01	8,558	5.30	- 47.5	+ 11.1
BRADENTON	2,563	2.32	4,793	2.97	- 45.9	+ 3.6
DAYTONA BEACH	957	.85	2,114	1.31	- 55.0	+ 9.7
FORT LAUDERDALE	1,010	.90	1,255	.78	- 19.5	- 13.6
FORT PIERCE	2,729	2.44	4,820	2.98	- 43.3	+ 12.0
GAINESVILLE	1,816	1.62	1,977	1.22	- 8.1	- 1.8
JACKSONVILLE	8,675	7.76	11,389	7.05	- 23.8	- 22.7
KEY WEST	128	.11	527	.33	- 76.2	- 8.6
LAKELAND	9,773	8.74	16,138	9.99	- 39.4	- 9.9
LEESBURG	4,910	4.39	10,719	6.64	- 54.2	+ 5.1
MARIANNA	1,082	.97	2,484	1.54	- 56.4	- 26.7
MIAMI	11,419	10.21	12,311	7.62	- 7.3	- 13.8
OCALA	3,023	2.70	2,574	1.59	+ 17.4	+ 28.6
ORLANDO	12,729	11.38	17,353	10.74	- 26.6	+ 15.9
PANAMA CITY	994	.89	1,289	.80	- 22.9	+ 5.5
PENSACOLA	2,408	2.15	2,643	1.64	- 8.9	- 0.2
ST. AUGUSTINE	468	.42	1,008	.62	- 53.6	- 37.4
ST. PETERSBURG	4,881	4.36	4,736	2.93	+ 3.1	+ 13.4
TALLAHASSEE	4,900	4.38	5,410	3.35	- 8.4	- 6.8
TAMPA	8,723	7.80	9,270	5.74	- 5.9	- 41.8
WEST PALM BEACH	2,514	2.25	4,192	2.60	- 40.0	- 11.7
WINTER HAVEN	13,540	12.10	27,496	17.02	- 50.8	+ 14.0
LIABLE STATE CLAIMS						
REC'D CENTRAL OFFICE	8,106	7.25	8,456	5.24	- 4.1	- 2.7

## AGENT STATE CLAIMS\*

Claimants seeking unemployment compensation on the basis of wages earned in states other than Florida filed 1,018 IB-1's and 8,201 IB-2's during August. These claims were filed in offices of the Florida State Employment Service and transmitted to the state in which the basic wages were earned; that state making the ultimate determination of eligibility or ineligibility, amount of benefits to be paid, etc.

IB-1'S

The Miami area, with 38.81% of the State total, led by a wide margin in the number of agent state initial claims filed during August. Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg and Pensacola each accounted for more than 6% of the total with the other local offices accounting for the remainder.

IB-2'S

The 8,201 agent state continued claims filed in the State during August were distributed in much the same manner as were the IB-1's. Miami again led, this time with 36.80% of the total, while Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg and Pensacola took the next places, respectively. Note that the five offices mentioned in each type of claim appeared in the same order under each classification.

AGENT STATE CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE  
JULY AND AUGUST 1940

LOCAL OFFICE	IB - 1'S				IB - 2'S			
	AUG. 1940	PER CENT TOTAL	JULY 1940	PER CENT TOTAL	AUG. 1940	PER CENT TOTAL	JULY 1940	PER CENT TOTAL
STATE TOTAL	1,018	100.00	1,265	100.00	8,201	100.00	9,598	100.00
ARCADIA	16	1.57	14	1.42	125	1.52	122	1.27
BRADENTON	12	1.18	14	1.11	172	2.10	170	1.77
DAYTONA BEACH	34	3.34	20	1.58	250	3.05	233	2.43
FORT LAUDERDALE	19	1.87	34	2.69	162	1.98	243	2.53
FORT PIERCE	9	.88	18	1.42	96	1.17	81	.84
GAINESVILLE	17	1.67	17	1.34	89	1.09	90	.94
JACKSONVILLE	87	8.55	94	7.43	736	8.97	967	10.08
KEY WEST	2	.20	4	.32	23	.28	49	.51
LAKELAND	33	3.24	48	3.79	264	3.22	272	2.83
LEESBURG	10	.98	8	.63	100	1.22	135	1.41
MARIANNA	21	2.06	24	1.90	173	2.11	236	2.46
MIAMI	395	38.81	458	36.21	3,017	36.80	3,570	37.19
OCALA	6	.58	12	.95	139	1.69	106	1.10
ORLANDO	54	5.30	52	4.11	339	4.13	506	5.27
PANAMA CITY	15	1.47	10	.79	169	1.33	114	1.19
PENSACOLA	62	6.09	87	6.88	383	4.67	434	4.52
ST. AUGUSTINE	7	.69	13	1.03	88	1.07	90	.94
ST. PETERSBURG	63	6.19	92	7.27	536	6.54	587	6.12
TALLAHASSEE	24	2.36	37	2.92	187	2.28	156	1.63
TAMPA	83	8.15	121	9.57	704	8.58	903	9.41
WEST PALM BEACH	28	2.75	48	3.79	348	4.24	383	3.99
WINTER HAVEN	18	1.77	36	2.85	161	1.96	151	1.57

\* AGENT STATE CLAIMS ARE OF TWO TYPES: IB-1'S, WHICH ARE INITIAL OR ORIGINAL CLAIMS AND IB-2'S, WHICH ARE EITHER WAITING PERIOD OR CONTINUED (COMPENSABLE CLAIMS).

### Construction Industry Continues to Dominate Applicant Hiring

The construction industry, for the third consecutive month, lead all other industries during August in the number of jobs given to applicants referred by the public employment offices. This industry accounted for 1,304 or approximately 35% of the total number of placements made during the month. More than 1,200 of these placements were in regular employment. There were 146 claimants among the applicants finding jobs in the construction industry. The various projects throughout the State which have come about as a result of the National Defense Program are largely responsible for the predominance of job openings in this industry.

With the opening of box and crate mills in the agricultural and citrus packing areas the manufacturing industry group moved up to replace domestic service with the second largest volume of jobs filled with applicants from the employment offices. Accounting for a total of 793 applicant placements the manufacturing industry put to work 526 applicants who were claimants for unemployment compensation benefits. This was by far the largest representation of claimant-applicants placed. The expansion of placement activity in these two industrial groups was responsible for an increase in total placements beyond the 3,000 mark for the first time since January.

### Physical Labor Workers Predominant

Due almost entirely to the increasing activity in the construction industry, applicants classified as physical labor workers continued to find jobs more readily than those in other occupational groups. There were 1,621 of these unskilled laborers who found jobs during August. This figure represented 45.7% of the total applicants placed by the employment offices during the period.

The 847 service workers placed represented the second largest group with respect to occupational classification. The majority of these workers fell under the personal domestic worker group.

Production workers, representing the third largest occupational group of applicants placed, accounted for 442 or 12.5% of the total placements. The majority of these represent manual labor in semi-skilled occupations.

There were 27 applicants placed who fell under the professional and kindred classification. Administrative and supervisory workers accounted for 12 and technicians for 5 of these placements. Other placements included 198 clerical workers, 294 skilled craftsmen and 119 salespersons.

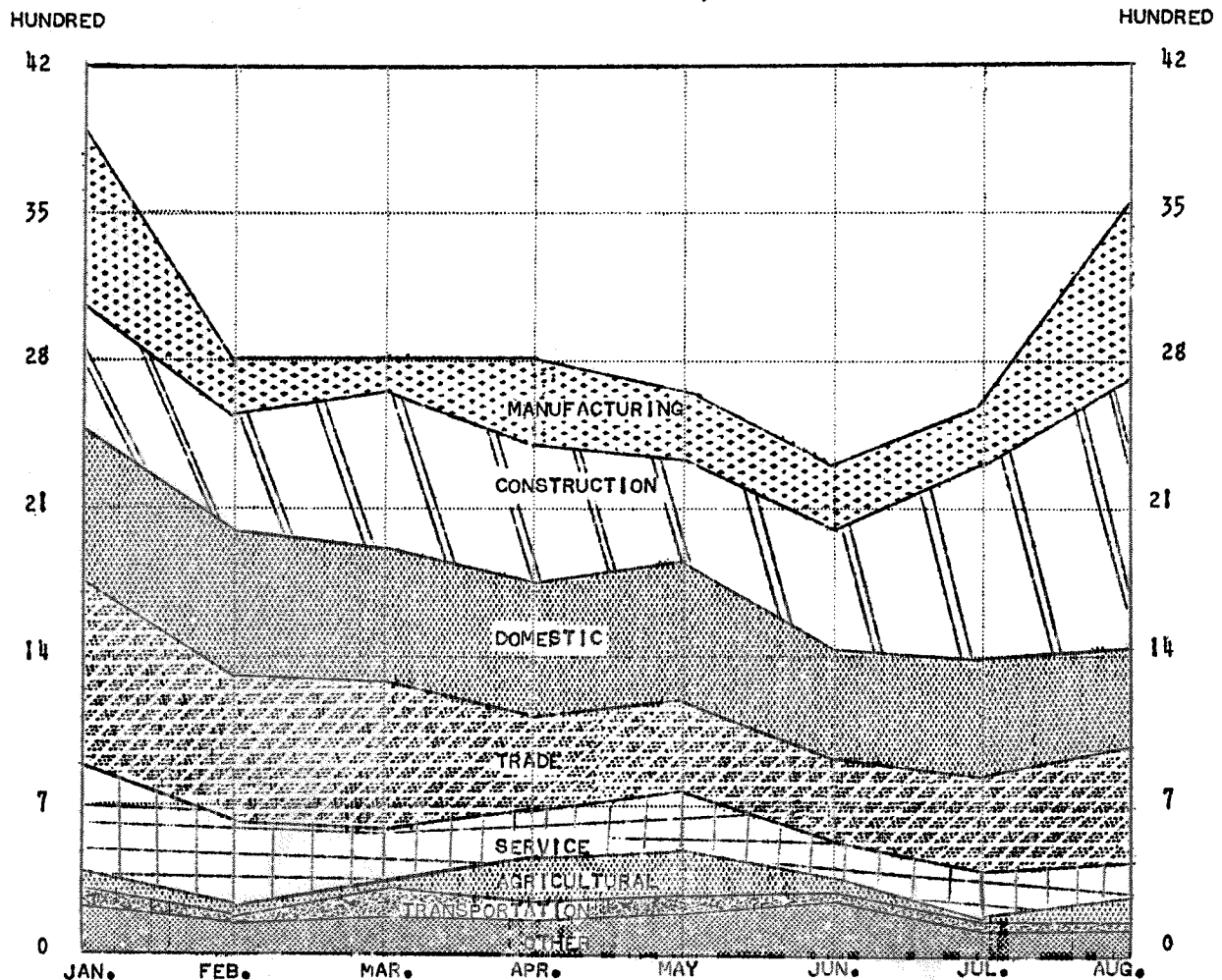
### Median Age Group Moves to 25 - 29

The largest group of applicants in any five year age group were those between 25 and 29 years inclusive. This group accounted for 679 of the total placements. This figure was slightly larger than the 650 representing group 20 to 24 which has been the larger during previous months.

**INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION OF PLACEMENTS  
BY SEX, DURATION, CLAIMANT AND VETERAN STATUS  
AUGUST 1940**

INDUSTRY GROUP	MEN AND WOMEN	M E N			W O M E N			CLAIMANT	VETERANS
		TOTAL	REG.	TEMP.	TOTAL	REG.	TEMP.		
STATE TOTAL	3,548	2,574	2,159	415	974	661	313	929	116
AGRICULTURE	108	104	92	12	4	4	—	69	2
MINING	7	7	7	—	—	—	—	1	—
CONSTRUCTION	1,304	1,294	1,199	95	10	3	7	146	59
MANUFACTURING	793	627	549	78	166	155	11	526	22
TRANS., COMM., UTIL.	28	24	7	17	4	4	—	3	—
TRADE	504	280	189	91	224	135	89	115	17
REAL ESTATE, FIN., INS.	49	13	6	7	36	18	18	9	—
SERVICES	154	81	69	12	73	50	23	29	7
PROFESSIONS	49	15	8	7	34	21	13	2	—
MISCELLANEOUS	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—
DOMESTIC	530	119	23	96	41	267	144	20	7
GOVT. AGENCY & REL.	20	10	10	—	10	3	7	2	—

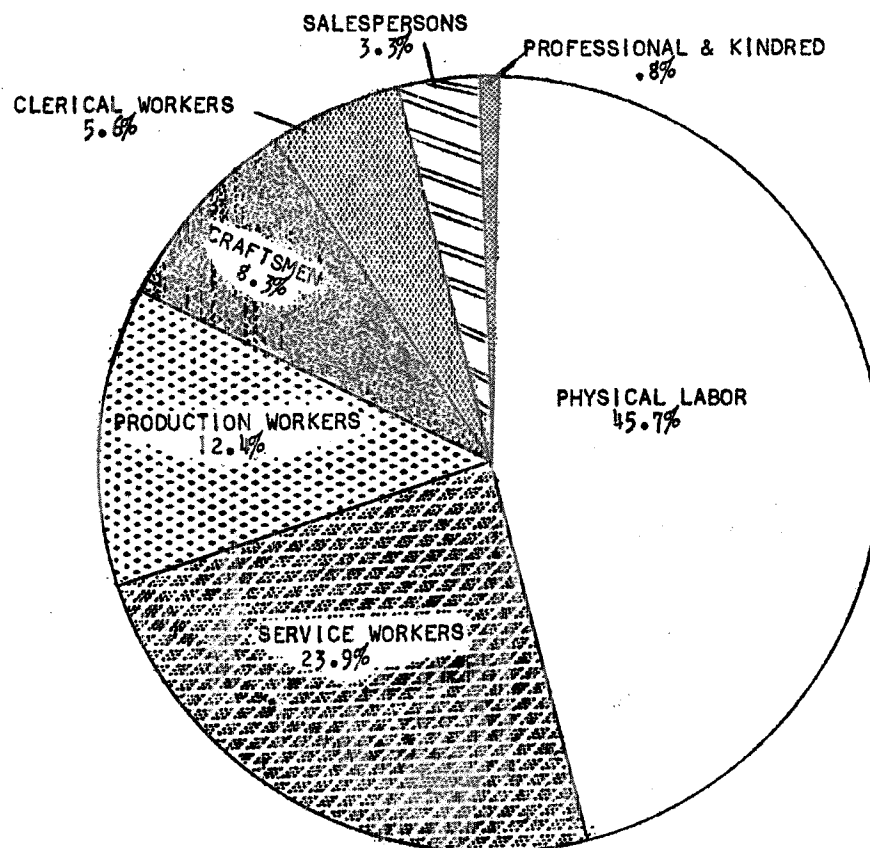
**INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION OF PLACEMENTS  
JANUARY THROUGH AUGUST 1940**



**OCCUPATIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF ALL PLACEMENTS  
BY SEX, DURATION CLAIMANT AND VETERAN STATUS  
AUGUST 1940**

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	NUMBER MEN & WOMEN	M E N			W O M E N			TOTAL CLAIMANTS PLACED	TOTAL VETERANS PLACED
		TOTAL	REG.	TEMP.	TOTAL	REG.	TEMP.		
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>3,548</b>	<b>2,574</b>	<b>2,159</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>116</b>
PROF. & KINDRED	27	23	21	2	4	3	1	8	2
PROFESSIONAL	9	8	7	1	1	1	1	2	2
SEMI-PROFESSIONAL	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TECHNICIANS	5	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
ADMINISTRATIVE	12	10	10	1	2	2	1	5	1
SALESPERSONS	119	56	34	22	63	24	39	20	4
INSIDE	80	30	10	20	50	17	33	11	1
OUTSIDE	44	5	5	1	4	3	1	5	3
RELATED	25	21	19	2	4	3	1	5	3
CLERICAL WORKERS	198	43	40	3	155	79	76	38	5
MACHINE	25	2	1	1	23	10	13	5	1
NON-MACHINE	173	41	39	2	132	69	63	33	5
SERVICE WORKERS	847	277	178	99	570	387	183	78	18
PERSONAL (DOM.)	440	42	38	4	407	268	139	10	1
PERSONAL (INST.)	315	157	137	20	158	115	43	76	13
MAINTENANCE	83	33	33	4	5	4	1	2	4
CRAFTSMEN	294	285	212	73	9	9	1	19	33
PRODUCTION WORKERS	442	340	288	52	102	93	9	24	10
MACHINE	99	88	87	1	11	6	5	7	3
MANUAL	313	252	201	51	91	87	4	27	7
PHYSICAL LABOR	621	550	386	164	71	66	5	482	44
HEAVY	313	313	173	140	71	66	5	249	41
LIGHT	308	237	213	24	71	66	5	233	3

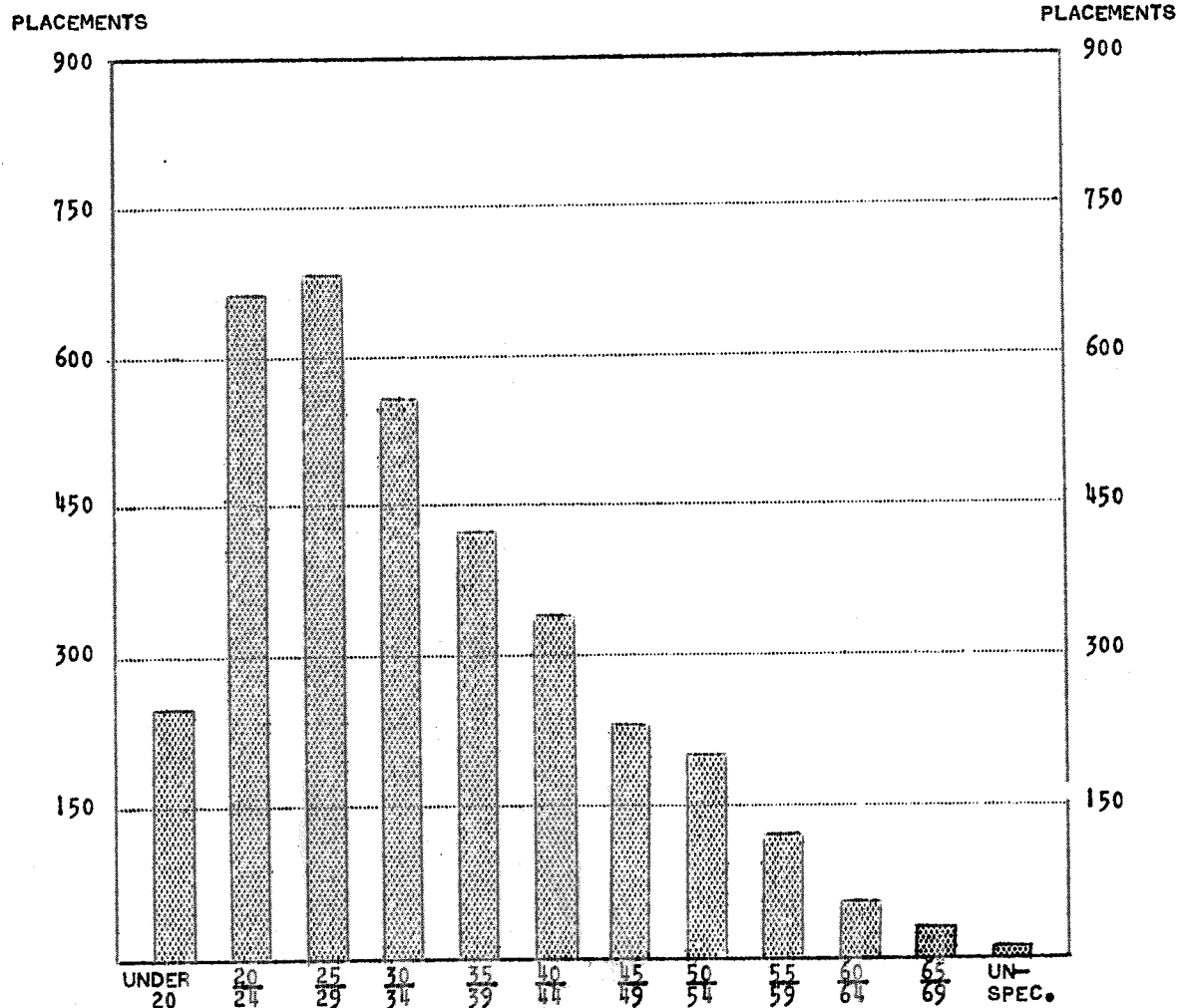
**PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF ALL PLACEMENTS BY MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP**



**AGE DISTRIBUTION OF PLACEMENTS  
BY SEX, COLOR, CLAIMANT AND VETERAN STATUS**

AGE GROUP	TOTAL MEN AND WOMEN	M E N			W O M E N			CLAIMANTS	VETERANS
		TOTAL	WHITE	OTHER	TOTAL	WHITE	OTHER		
STATE TOTAL	3,548	2,574	1,299	1,275	974	585	389	929	116
UNDER 16	7	6	3	3	1	1	1	1	1
16 AND 17	34	20	16	4	14	8	6	2	1
18 AND 19	209	122	85	37	87	60	27	24	1
20	118	73	35	38	45	28	17	22	1
21 TO 24	532	349	181	168	183	104	79	107	1
25 TO 29	679	496	237	259	183	113	70	202	1
30 TO 34	553	409	209	210	144	96	48	166	1
35 TO 39	421	321	161	160	100	62	38	91	1
40 TO 44	341	254	118	136	87	46	41	55	1
45 TO 49	229	176	77	99	52	28	24	53	1
50 TO 54	219	170	80	90	49	25	24	36	1
55 TO 59	119	98	58	40	21	15	6	33	1
60 TO 64	47	40	27	13	7	5	2	20	1
65 AND OVER	36	34	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
UNSPECIFIED	6	6		5	1	1	1	1	1

**AGE DISTRIBUTION OF PLACEMENTS  
AUGUST 1940**



1,106 Veteran Applications Canceled During August

The registration cards of 1,106 veterans were removed from the active file through cancellation procedures during the month. This action was taken by several offices in an effort to clear the active files of the applications of persons who were found not to be currently available for referral to job openings. Many of the cards had lost their active status due to the sixty day validity period during which the applicant must report to the office in order to have a registration retained in the active file.

On August 31 there were 562 veterans actively seeking employment through the Miami office. The Pensacola office had the second largest veteran representation with 311 followed by Tampa with 274 and Jacksonville with 264.

There were 352 new veteran applications taken during the month. Miami reported more than any other office with 74 followed by Jacksonville where 66 new applications were filed.

There were 96 veterans among those applicants for whom the service found jobs during the month. Seventy-five of these jobs filled were in private employment. Miami made the most veteran placements reporting 22 with all but one of these being private. Jacksonville reported 19 and Tampa 18 veteran placements.

Approximately 45% of the veteran cancellations were made in the Jacksonville office where 462 veteran registrations were made inactive for one reason or another. Miami, reported 176 cancellations, St. Petersburg 145 and Tampa 112.

## VETERAN ACTIVITIES

LOCAL OFFICE	NEW APPLICATIONS	REGULAR RENEWALS	PLACEMENTS		CANCELLATIONS	ACTIVE FILE AUGUST 31
			PRIVATE	PUBLIC		
STATE TOTAL	352	315	75	41	1,106	2,662
ARCADIA	10	8	7	-	52	104
BRADENTON	9	10	4	-	5	61
DAYTONA BEACH	2	1	-	-	19	11
FORT LAUDERDALE	3	8	3	3	5	38
FORT PIERCE	-	2	-	-	-	37
GAINESVILLE	7	5	2	-	4	46
JACKSONVILLE	66	51	10	9	462	264
KEY WEST	-	1	-	-	1	55
LAKELAND	6	4	4	3	3	70
LEESBURG	3	4	-	-	-	82
MARIANNA	34	24	-	5	17	98
MIAMI	74	68	21	1	176	562
OCALA	1	7	-	-	-	30
ORLANDO	15	25	-	-	35	95
PANAMA CITY	1	-	-	-	4	23
PENSACOLA	20	8	-	2	-	311
ST. AUGUSTINE	18	4	-	-	34	62
ST. PETERSBURG	16	17	6	-	145	188
TALLAHASSEE	-	6	1	11	9	77
TAMPA	39	40	7	-	112	274
WEST PALM BEACH	21	11	-	5	8	81
WINTER HAVEN	7	12	-	-	15	93

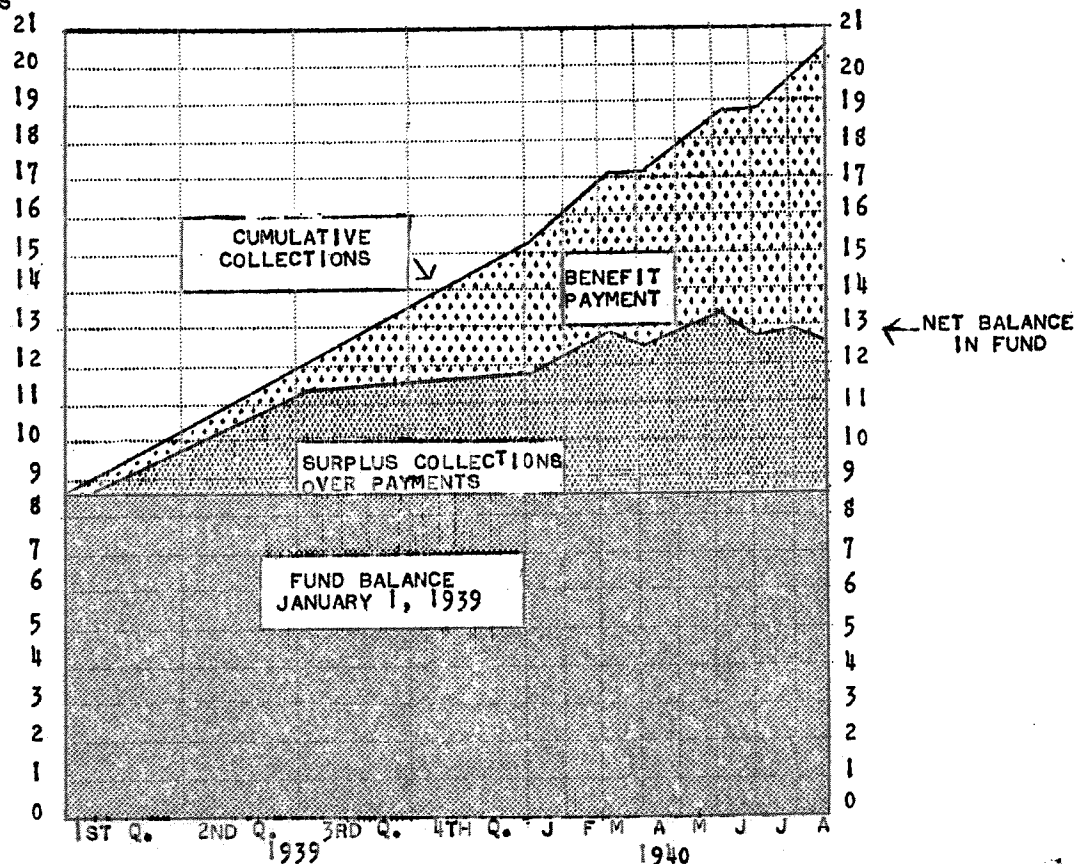
**CONDITION OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND\***  
COLLECTIONS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

PERIOD	NET COLLECTIONS	BENEFITS PAID	BALANCE ALL FUNDS
1937 & 1938	\$8,471,732.58	—	\$ 8,471,732.58
1939:			
FIRST QUARTER	1,878,431.63	\$ 247,360.32	10,102,803.89
SECOND QUARTER	1,705,070.67	527,847.00	1,280,027.56
THIRD QUARTER	1,626,171.29	1,588,654.70	1,317,547.15
FOURTH QUARTER	1,551,463.16	1,140,250.43	1,728,759.88
1940:			
JANUARY	920,893.18	375,872.83	12,273,780.23
FEBRUARY	905,263.62	340,742.38	12,838,101.47
MARCH	1,147,034.34	381,665.73	12,501,106.08
APRIL	878,001.03	424,791.04	12,954,316.07
MAY	800,870.04	475,031.87	13,280,154.24
JUNE	64,060.22	504,908.67	12,839,305.79
JULY	733,610.77	727,773.27	12,845,143.29
AUGUST	810,335.60	907,552.84	12,747,926.05

\* REVISED TO JULY 31, 1940

**CHANGES IN STATUS OF THE FLORIDA UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND DURING 1939 - 1940**  
(BENEFITS FIRST PAYABLE FEBRUARY 1, 1939)

MILLIONS  
OF DOLLARS



**EXPLANATION OF GRAPH:**

1. THE DARK RECTANGLE FORMING THE BASE FOR THE REST OF THE CHART REPRESENTS THE COLLECTIONS WHICH WENT INTO THE FUND DURING 1937 AND 1938. THERE WERE NO BENEFIT PAYMENTS DURING THIS PERIOD.
2. THE SHADED AREA (JUST ABOVE THE FUND BALANCE) REPRESENTS THE CUMULATIVE EXCESS OF COLLECTIONS OVER BENEFIT PAYMENTS.
3. THE LIGHT PORTION (AT THE TOP) REPRESENTS THE AMOUNT PAID OUT IN BENEFITS. AT FIRST GLANCE IT MIGHT SEEM THAT THE BALANCE IN THE FUND AMOUNTS TO ABOUT 18 MILLION DOLLARS; CLOSER SCRUTINY WILL REVEAL THAT THIS IS ACTUALLY THE TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED. FROM THESE COLLECTIONS MUST BE DEDUCTED BENEFIT PAYMENTS, IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT THE NET BALANCE IN THE FUND.



## FIELD SERVICE ACTIVITIES

At the beginning of August there were 6,708 employers who were considered as "liable". During the month 159 additional employers were found to be liable and 5 others chose to be brought under the act (liable by voluntary election) bringing the total number of liable employers to 6,872. From this total were deducted 221 firms which had ceased to be considered as liable, leaving 6,651 liable employers at the end of August. Of these 6,651 employers, 5,954 were liable under the Act and 697 were intrinsically liable.

## LIABILITY REPORTS RECEIVED AND DETERMINATION OF EMPLOYER STATUS - AUGUST 1940

A. LIABILITY REPORTS		
1. ACCUMULATIVE NUMBER LIABILITY REPORTS RECEIVED (JULY 1937 - AUGUST 1940).....	29,731	
2. LIABILITY REPORTS RECEIVED DURING MONTH.....	159	
3. TOTAL END OF MONTH (SUM OF ITEMS 1 AND 2).....	29,890	
B. LIABLE EMPLOYERS		
1. ACCUMULATIVE NUMBER EMPLOYERS LIABLE BEGINNING OF MONTH.....	6,708	
5. EMPLOYERS DECLARED LIABLE UNDER ACT DURING MONTH.....	159	
6. EMPLOYERS ELECTING LIABILITY DURING MONTH.....	5	
7. TOTAL END OF MONTH (SUM OF ITEMS 1, 5, AND 6).....	6,872	
8. EMPLOYERS REMOVED FROM LIABILITY ROLLS DURING MONTH.....	221	
9. EMPLOYERS LIABLE AT END OF MONTH (ITEM 7 MINUS ITEM 8).....	6,651	
A. LIABLE UNDER ACT.....	5,954	
B. LIABLE BY VOLUNTARY ELECTION.....	697	

FIELD SERVICE INVESTIGATIONS  
AUGUST 1940

	LIABILITY INVESTIGATIONS*	CLAIMS** INVESTIGATIONS	INDIVIDUAL EARNINGS***	TOTAL
BROUGHT FORWARD AUGUST 1, 1940	863	265	171	1,299
REQUESTED AUGUST 1940	245	630	244	1,119
COMPLETED AUGUST 1940	483	559	181	1,223
PENDING AUGUST 31, 1940	625	336	234	1,195

\* LIABILITY INVESTIGATION - ASSIGNMENTS TO DETERMINE STATUS OF EMPLOYING UNITS NOT YET REPORTED OR TO RECHECK BORDER-LINE CASES.

\*\* CLAIMS INVESTIGATION - ASSIGNMENTS TO INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS SURROUNDING CLAIMANTS' SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT IN INSTANCES WHERE CLAIMS ARE PROTESTED.

\*\*\* INDIVIDUAL EARNINGS - REQUESTS FOR QUARTERLY EARNINGS OF CLAIMANTS WHOSE EMPLOYERS HAVE NOT REPORTED WAGES.

## APPEAL TRIBUNAL ACTIVITIES

During the first eight months of 1940 there have been 430 appeals filed by claimants for unemployment compensation, or recent employers of such claimants, who feel that under the Law their best interests will not be served if the decision of the Claims Deputy is accepted. The Law provides that any claimant or covered employer who feels that he has not received full consideration may take his case to the Appeal Tribunal where he may be heard and accorded a decision without necessary cost to either party.

Of the total number of appeals filed during 1940, more than one-half (225) have been instigated by conflicts over the amount of wages reported by the employer to the Commission. Appeals of this type are usually filed by the claimant, who alleges that his full earnings have not been reported by the employer or employers.

Second to wage record conflicts as a reason for appeals are cases of discharge for misconduct. Appeals of this type are usually made by employers who have discharged claimants previous to their filing claims for benefits. A claimant who has been discharged for misconduct in connection with his employment may be required to serve as many as seven weeks of disqualification in addition to the regular waiting period weeks and may have his maximum benefit amount decreased by not more than three times his weekly benefit amount. A total of 64 cases in this category have resulted in the filing of appeals since January 1, 1940.

Cases in which the employer feels that the claimant has left suitable employment without good cause (voluntary leaving) have accounted for 61 of the 1940 total of 430 appeals filed. In most cases of this type the claimant feels that he was justified in leaving his employment due to working conditions or other causes. (Labor disputes, strikes, walkouts, etc., are not placed in this group).

Next in numerical importance are appeals arising from labor disputes. This type of case has not actually been a source of great importance in the instigation of appeals, practically all of the 39 cases in this category having been filed during one month as a result of a strike in a pulp mill.

Fairly consistent from month to month has been the number of appeals under "availability". Cases of this type result from questions as to whether or not the claimant is available for work at the time of and subsequent to filing his claim.

Cases involving the suitability of work offered, technicalities of filing claims and making registrations accounted for a total of 19 appeals. Each of these constitutes so small a percent of the total number of cases as to warrant scant comment. "Suitable work" has reference to employment offered a claimant which such claimant does not consider to be suitable to his skill or previous experience.

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## APPEAL TRIBUNAL

CLASSIFICATION OF APPEALS RECEIVED FROM JANUARY 1, 1940,  
THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1940, BY TYPE OF QUESTION INVOLVED

Month	Total Rec'd	Filing of Claims	Registration	Availability	Wage Record Conflicts	Vol. Leaving	Discharge Cases - Misconduct	Suitable Work	Labor Disputes
Jan.	20	-	-	2	12	2	4	-	-
Feb.	28	-	-	2	19	4	2	1	-
March	60	-	-	3	42	6	5	-	4
April	38	1	1	2	22	8	2	-	2
May	90	-	-	4	31	13	8	1	33
June	63	1	-	2	35	10	13	2	-
July	57	2	-	4	27	7	16	1	-
Aug.	74	5	-	3	37	11	14	4	-
TOTAL	430	9	1	22	225	61	64	9	39

## APPEAL TRIBUNAL

SUMMARY OF APPEALS HANDLED FROM JANUARY 1  
THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1940

Number of Appeals Received:	Cases	Claimants
Filed by Claimants	345	366
Filed by Employers	30	30
Filed by Commission Deputies	2	34
Total	377	430
Number of Decisions Rendered:		
Number of Deputies' Decisions Affirmed	99	101
Number of Deputies' Decisions Reversed	86	89
Number of Deputies' Decisions Modified	37	83
Original Determination by Appeals Authority	1	1
Total	223	274
Number of Appeals Withdrawn by Appellants	32	32
Number of Appeals Dismissed by Examiner	35	35
Number of Appeals Pending Disposal August 31, 1940	110	114

## APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISION

The following is another in a series of actual cases taken from the files of the Appeal Tribunal of the Commission. In this instance the claimant had been determined not eligible because of lack of qualifying earnings.

CONTENTIONS OF THE PARTIES:

Claimant contended that he was in the employment of this employer as an electrician and mechanic, and that his wages earned after January 1, 1940, should have been reported. The employer contended that claimant's employment was exempt as agricultural labor after January 1, 1940.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Claim was filed July 1, 1940, and initial determination made July 8, 1940, from which claimant appealed.

The employer operates a packing house where citrus fruits are graded and packed. It listed claimant's wages on its wage reports to the Unemployment Compensation Division for the first, second, and fourth quarters of 1939, but did not report wages paid claimant after January 1, 1940.

Claimant testified that he was employed by this employer as an electrician and mechanic, and that he not only served in this capacity during 1939 but also in 1940 until May 25, being paid \$25.00 a week. He offered in evidence a letter of recommendation signed by this employer, dated May 25, 1940, stating in part as follows:

"This is to certify that Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ has been in our employ in the capacity of electrician and mechanic for the past two years."

The representative of the employer acknowledged claimant's employment as a mechanic and agreed to file supplemental wage reports for the first and second quarters of 1940 listing the wages paid claimant.

From the evidence the referee finds that claimant's earnings in this employment since January 1, 1940, are as follows:

First quarter of 1940	\$325.00
Second quarter of 1940	200.00

REASONS FOR DECISION:

Section 3-E-VI of the Florida Unemployment Compensation Law reads in part as follows:

"VI. The term 'employment' shall not include  
"(a) Agricultural labor;"

The Act does not contain a definition of the term "agricultural labor", nor has the Commission by regulation attempted to define the term. However, attributing to the term its colloquial meaning, the Referee is of the opinion that service performed by an electrician and mechanic in tending and repairing the machinery in a commercial citrus packing house is not "agricultural labor" within the meaning of said Section 3-E-VI of the Act.

Section 5-E of the Florida Unemployment Compensation Law provides that an unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits only if the Commission finds that he has during his base period earned wages for insured work equal to not less than a specified amount. The addition of the claimant's earnings in the first quarter of 1940 to those listed on his wage transcript make a total in excess of the amount required to make claimant eligible for benefits.

DECISION:

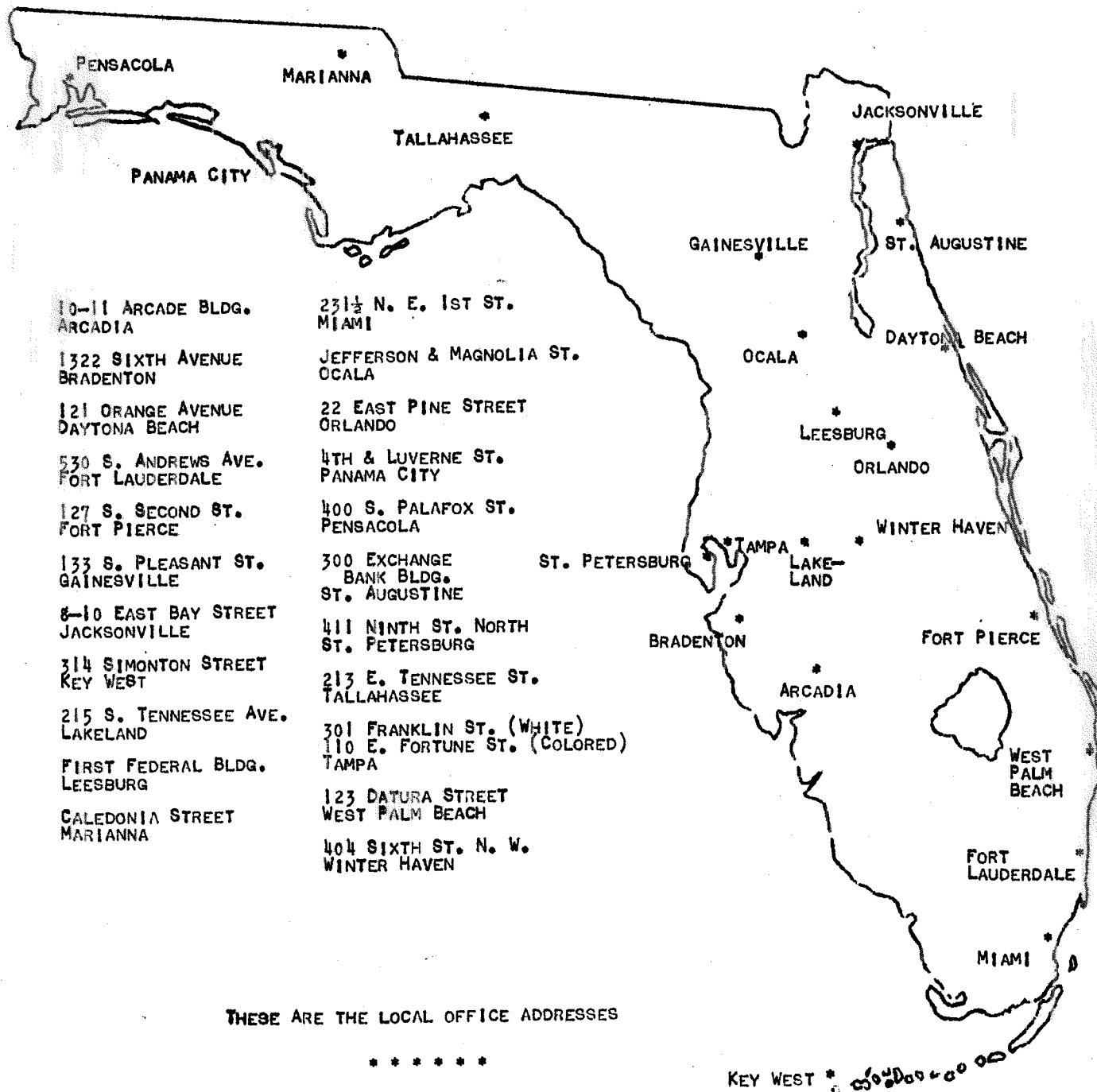
The decision of the deputy holding claimant not eligible because of lack of qualifying earnings is hereby reversed, and it is ordered that the wages listed in the Findings of Fact be credited to claimant's Social Security account number and that his claim be redetermined on the basis of such additional earnings, which are sufficient to make him eligible for benefits. It is further held that the employer is liable for contributions on such wages.

FLORIDA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION  
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION DIVISION

APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Dated September 7, 1940

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